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Service conditions of Non-Gazetted Officers.

* 2151 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have received any representation on behalf of Non-Gazetted Officers' Association requesting a revision of service rules, especially in relation to maintenance of personal files?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" Yes. Recently a deputation of Non-Gazetted Government Officers presented a Memorandum to the Chief Minister. One of the requests contained in the Memorandum relates to the formation of a Committee with due representation to the Non-Gazetted Government Officers' Association to go into the conditions of services of the Non-Gazetted Government Officers and also for revision of Government Servants' Conduct Rules and the Personal file system. The requests are being examined."

* 2152 *Q.*—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister has given any assurance to the Madras State Non-Gazetted Officers' Association at the time of their 32nd Annual Conference held at Coimbatore in 1954, (i) to enhance their dearness allowance to the level of Central Government servants of same status and (ii) to discontinue the system of maintaining confidential files about them; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" (*a*) & (*b*) All that happened was that the Chief Minister promised to have the resolutions passed at the Conference properly examined and to see what could be done. The resolution relating to the revision of pay scales and dearness allowance to be on a par with those of the Central Government employees was duly examined by Government and the Association was informed that with reference to the financial position of the State, it was not possible to comply with the request. As regards discontinuance of the system of maintaining confidential files, no resolution on the subject passed at the Conference was communicated to Government for consideration."

* 2153 *Q.*—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation recently from the Madras State Non-Gazetted Officers' Association requesting to merge their dearness allowance with their salary; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" (*a*) No.